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Sincerely,

PAUL A. MEYER  
Signature

Paul A. Meyer  
Date

Name: PAUL A. MEYER P.A.M.

Address: P.O. Box 88421

Sioux Falls, SD. 57109

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Address: 140 N. Joseph  
Tea, SD 57064

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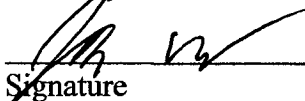
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Kevin Goslin  
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Date

Name:

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Address:

736 So. First ave. 42  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

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Sincerely,

  
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Mikael Folin

Address:

109.5 oak street

57077 Worthing, SD

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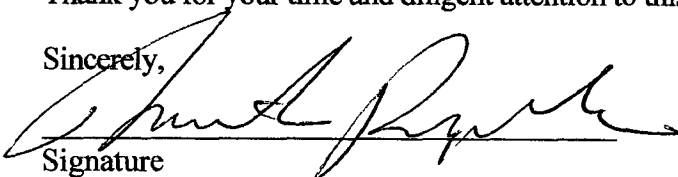
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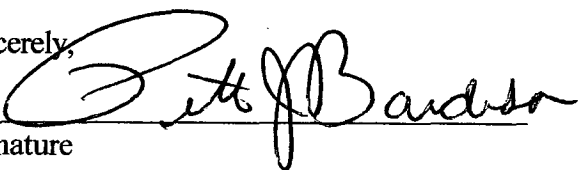
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Name: Pete J Bardeson

Address: 1207 W 6<sup>th</sup> ST  
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Paul Folmer Jr.  
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Date

Name: Paul Folmer Jr.

Address: 651 3rd ST S.W  
Huron, SD 57350

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Name: Paula Tunge

Address: 415 S. LAKE

Snow Falls,

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Robert Henjum

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3600 Gateway Blvd #301

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Address: 1500 4TH STREET S.W.

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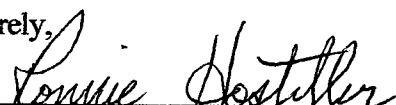
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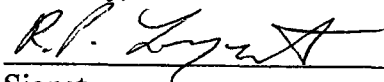
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RON LEGERRE, JR.

Address:

148 8TH ST S.E.

HURON SD.

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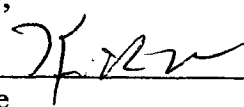
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Date

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Address: 401 OAK St  
AUBURNDALE FL 33823  
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S. Thomas Frank  
Signature

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Date

Name: S. Thomas Frank

Address: CAVOUR SD.

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Union County, South Dakota

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Earl H. Schulz  
602 Pinekey St  
Elk Point, S.D. 57025

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**Reference: Hyperion Project**

Dear Brian

This letter is in support of the Hyperion Project. My wife and I have lived in the Siouxland area since 1977 and have lived in the Dunes since 1993. We have seen over the year's growth but not to the extent as proposed by this project. We do believe that this project will meet the necessary standards of today's world and allow for continued growth in our area.

My wife operates two businesses, one located in Dakota Dunes and Vermillion and we both believe that the above project will tremendously benefit our area.



Dave and Lori Layhee  
695 Cherry Hills Lane  
Dakota Dunes, SD 57049

Brian Gustafson, Administrator  
Air Quality Program  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am the Owner of Thompson Interior Design a company with its business in the Siouxland. Please accept this letter as our company's formal comment requesting SD DENR approve the Hyperion Energy Center air permit. I strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for the tri-state region and our nation.

Hyperion is committed to building the most advanced and environmentally sound refinery in the United States. It is disturbing that a new refinery has not been built in this country in over thirty years. The Hyperion Energy Center will be built from the ground up using new and proven emissions control technologies. I am also comforted in knowing that Hyperion will conduct ongoing monitoring during operations to ensure compliance with the permit requirements.

The economic benefit the state, region, and nation will see from this project is tremendous. Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth as a result of this project will benefit everyone in the region not to mention allowing South Dakota to take a leadership role in helping America to increase its energy security.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Thompson  
Signature

Oct 7, 2008  
Date

Name: PATRICA THOMPSON

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CC: Board of Minerals and Environment

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Re: Proposed Draft Air Permit  
Hyperion Energy Center  
Union County, South Dakota

Gentlemen:

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- 3) I believe that the refinery flares should be included in the recovery and monitoring systems even for "upsets".
- 4) I believe that all pipelines and transportation systems (rail, etc.) should be included in your draft permit.
- 5) I believe that the required reporting needs to be sooner than the time limits noted and an independent third party be required to verify such.

I also respectfully request that the final Air Permit be delayed until you receive an Environmental Impact Statement that you should request from an independent third party (and bill such to Hyperion as required by South Dakota law) to more fully understand the full environmental and socio-economic impact of the proposed project.

Sincerely, *Arden Kjos*

*P.S. we have Rural water and are  
against you's trying to get it.*



DENR's Division of Environmental Services  
523 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501  
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Re: Hyperion Air Permits

As a life-long resident of South Dakota, nurse, mother and grandmother, I am very concerned about the unregulated toxins that will be spewed from Hyperion. Of special concern are the emissions of carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfuric acid and hydrogen sulfide.

Hyperion claims it will be a "green" refinery by computer models and yet Hyperion has never built an oil refinery. My suspicions of this organization were raised by the CNN interview where Hyperion requested to be interviewed in a park vs. their corporate offices. CNN raised many concerns about Hyperion. I am not sure this segment was ever aired in South Dakota.

Many of the pro comments posted on your website are signed form letters. I wonder how many of those so eager to push through these permits have ever seen an oil refinery. The surrounding area is NOT lush pastures with grazing cows. They look more like a bomb site. The areas do not attract desirable businesses but rather the destruction metastasizes like a cancer.

South Dakota has something that is rarely found in other states. We have clean air, blue skies and fairly clean water. Our recreational offerings attract many people to our state. We may rank 50<sup>th</sup> in some areas, but we are at the top for quality of life. Every step must be taken to insure that quality of life. We cannot afford to become the laughing stock of the country for loose air quality controls. Nor should we contribute to the imperiling of this planet by patronizing the coal tar fields of Canada just to put more money in our pockets.

I was hesitant to voice my opinion until this past week when my grandson looked me in the eye and said "it is your generation making this mess in our world and it is us kids that will have to live with it". What a sobering observation from an 11-year old.

Sincerely,



Barbara Horton  
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Sincerely,

*Craig Aaker*  
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Mr. Gustafson,

I support the draft of the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
air permit for the Hyperion project and encourage its approval.

Sincerely,

Melinda Krause.

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